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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase Application of:

BRAVEN, Helen and KEAY, Russell

Title: NUCLEIC ACID PROBES, THEIR SYNTHESIS AND USE

Serial No.:	10/506,958
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Examiner:	POHNERT, STEVEN C.
Group Art Unit:	1634

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the second Office action, mailed 28th August, 2008. Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3)-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office action dated August 28, 2008, such extension allowing the undersigned until February 28, 2009 to respond.

Please enter the following amendments.